

THE DUXBURY LIBRARY

Clippings
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By Constance Brown
In 1965 187 building permits were issued by the Town. Last year there were 179 new permits.

The official population of Duxbury in 1965 was 8211. This year's official figures are not yet available; however, it is reliably estimated that the figure will be about 8500.

In the "General Plan for the Town of Duxbury, Mass.," prepared back in 1959 for the Duxbury Planning Board by its former planning consultant,
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HURRY, CANDIDATES

Candidates for office must file their nomination papers at the office of the Town Clerk and Treasurer not later than 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4.

ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Are you a registered voter?

If you have lived in Massachusetts for a year and in Duxbury for six months you are eligible to be a registered voter in Duxbury.

You still have time to register if you want to vote in the Town Elections in March.

NOTE HOURS

You may register at the Town Clerk's office from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

From 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

From noon until 10 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18.

BAKE SALE

AT Pilgrim Church on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Baked goods, baked beans and candv. Coffee bar and



The original library building, a wooden dwelling house, served as library, meeting place, and Town Offices until 1907 when again a gift from the Wright family came as a further benefit to the Town. Mrs. Georgianna B. Wright, who had donated the first building, now offered a more permanent building which would also be a memorial to her son, George B. Wright, who died in 1888. The old wooden building was moved from the lot to its present location across the street, where it has ever since served as a Town Office Building.

Additional land was given by Mrs. Wright in 1909. In 1911 the Trustees of the Duxbury Free Library conveyed all the assets of same to the Duxbury Free Library Inc.

On Saturday, May 22, 1909 at 3 p.m. at the Library, according to the program, the new library was dedicated. William J. Wright, on behalf of his wife, made the presentation, and Sidney Peterson, president of the Duxbury Free Library, accepted it. The old building was then presented to the Town and was accepted by Henry H. Lewis, chairman of the Selectmen.

In addition to all the speeches and acceptances, there was an address by Dr. Nathaniel Noyes, chairman of the School Committee and a historical sketch of the Duxbury Free Library by Herbert Walker. School children sang, everyone attended, and it was an event of importance.

In 1907, when the library building was new, the population of Duxbury was about 2000. Over the years the population has increased to more than 6000, but the library has remained the same. The normal progress of the town indicates changes that will keep the Duxbury Free Library abreast of the times and needs of the general public and the schoolchildren. The uses of a library go far beyond the lending of books, even as planned by the donors, in 1889. All that the library has been to Duxbury came about through the generosity of citizens, the dedication of Trustees, and the devotion of staff. The future of Duxbury Free Library depends on the response of present day citizens who appreciate the past and take responsibility for the future.

Dorothy Wentworth, Historian for the Town of Duxbury